

PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS

By GARDNER MACK.

History of Ireland During Last 100 Years Told in Film.

When the subject of educational films was discussed in this column on one occasion, suggestion was made that the very best form of education by means of the film would be to visualize some of the stories of history. Several films of this sort have been made from time to time, like "Washington at Valley Forge," "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," "Gettysburg," and others. Biographical films could also be shown in fact, have been shown—that will give a clearer idea of the great men of history than is to be obtained from reading. At least such films would give a more general idea, great public questions, as we have stated, could be presented in the same way, and a new idea received of what the questions really meant.

Into the category of films of this sort comes the story that Walter Macnamara has completed and produced in pictures which he calls "Ireland a Nation," being shown in this city today, tomorrow, and Saturday at the Garden Theatre. This film has attracted an unusual amount of attention in all sections of the country. It tells something of the interesting history of the struggle of the Irish people during the last century. The pictures show many of the famous Irishmen and many of the most important scenes in the history of the Irish people. The pictures were made in Ireland with Irish actors and actresses, and the settings and properties are all historically correct to the last detail.

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Scene from "The Mystery of the Sleeping House," Second Episode of "Zudora," at the Arcade Today.

Stewart Parnell. He came in an opportunity. To secret societies, the "Clan Na Gael" and the Fenians, who, tired of waiting for England to do justice to Ireland by constitutional methods, decided to get ready to fight for Ireland. It was Parnell who showed them that it was possible to win freedom for Ireland without the shedding of a drop of blood, and to make England do justice. He succeeded in getting through Gladstone—the first land bill.

Once again Ireland was thrown back just on the eve of triumph through the tragic chapters at the close of Parnell's life; but the long struggle is now nearing an end. In the final pictures, Mother Erin is seen with tender love printing the Irishman over to the English party. It was at this time that Lord Castlereagh is alleged to have said: "Ireland is a nation, and she will be a nation in the future." The story opens in the stirring days of 1800. England looked with anxiety upon the galaxy of brilliant Irishmen in parliament, and tried by trick and cajolery and by means of influential women to convert the young Irishmen over to the English party. It was at this time that Lord Castlereagh is alleged to have said: "Ireland is a nation, and she will be a nation in the future."

MIDDLE COURSE IS ADVOCATED BY TAFT

Decries "Hysteria" Over National Defenses, But Would Increase Army.

SOMERVILLE, Mass., Dec. 10.—A middle course, making for efficient preparedness, was the theme of the speech of ex-President Taft before the Hopetown Club here last night. The former Chief Executive declared positively that "as long as governments are unjust and tyrannical, the possibility of wars and revolutions cannot disappear, and it does not seem to be reasonable for optimism to expect that in this day, by treaty or arbitration, the possibility of war can be removed."

The present war, he declared, "demonstrates that treaties may be broken and just rights violated by nations in the first rank of civilization," but he added that the present war "has given rise to some expressions that indicate 'mild hysteria,' because it is a fact that the United States undoubtedly needs a more efficient army, navy, and system of coast defense."

The ex-President praised the action taken in the "Mexican mess," and throughout urged a "limited preparedness" and that the expenditures for "huge armaments."

Illinois Women Meet To Plan Legislation

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A three-day conference of Illinois women to formulate a tentative program of legislation in the interests of women of the State opened in the Congress Hotel today. The conference was called at the suggestion of Lieut. Gov. Barratt O'Hara, head of the Illinois senate welfare commission.

"The delegates represent women of all classes. From the wife of the millionaire who studies civics as a matter of culture and humanitarianism to the working girl who has been forced by necessity to solve problems of existence," said O'Hara. "The best thought of the womanhood of Illinois is represented here today. If the Illinois legislature adopts the program laid out here it will place Illinois in the van of all States in progressive action for the benefit of women and girls."

"Reformer" Shoots Girl And Attempts Suicide

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—Nannie Stricklin, twelve, was shot and killed in the front yard of her home today by Robert Bailey, a deacon at a mission, who said he "had been trying to reform the girl." Bailey shot himself, and was taken to a hospital in a dying condition. Mrs. Clara Stricklin, mother of the child, said that Bailey for more than a year had annoyed her in efforts to adopt the child, saying he wanted to marry her when she grew up.

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ALLIANCE HOUSE GETS \$1,000 PROFIT

Organization of Jewish Women Gives Amateur Performance for Institution.

The making of improvements at Alliance House, a social service institution of Southwest Washington, is assured today as the result of the success of the benefit entertainment given for the house under auspices of the Washington Alliance of Jewish Women. More than \$1,000 was placed in the coffers of the Alliance as the result of the entertainment, given in the form of a cabaret show, at National Rifles Armory last night.

A capacity house and encores of every number showed the appreciation of the 700 or more people who attended the show. Sol Minister led the orchestra. The scenery was loaned by A. J. Brylawski, of the Cosmos Theatre, and many local firms contributed properties.

Among the feature acts were "The Evolutions of the Dance," "A Caucasian Bert Williams," and "Une Affaire de Cœur—the Reveries of a Bachelor." Among the amateur stars who took part in the show were Henry Loebberg, Miss Hazel Bornheim, Mrs. A. J. Brylawski, Ralph Goldsmith, Julius Felnerberger, Percy Schwartz, S. J. Steinberger, Arthur Green, Mrs. Arthur Marks, Herbert Jacob, Morris Simon, Myer Jolson, Miss Ida Ullman, Nathan Frank, Miss Blanche Levy, George Garner, and Morris Simon.

The chairman of committees were: Cabaret, Mrs. J. S. Kaun; decorations, Mrs. L. Schloss; tables, Mrs. N. Kahn; tickets, Mrs. I. Neuman. Those in charge of the entertainment were Mrs. Brylawski, Mrs. M. Felnerberger, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Kaun, and Mr. Brodsky. Goldsmith Sigmund was master of ceremonies, and A. Lahovet, master electrician.

Swindler Loses His Nerve

The swindler who has been obtaining small sums by means of bogus C. O. D. express packages attempted last evening to get 30 cents from Mrs. Joseph Harrison, 124 B street southeast. When Mrs. Harrison went back in the house to get the money, the man evidently became suspicious she was going to call the police, for he dropped the package and fled. The package was found to contain a brick.

Earth Shock Kills Forty.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 10.—An earthquake yesterday did considerable damage to the interior towns of Lamba, Colta, and Pausa. Up to the present time forty bodies have been recovered from the ruins of wrecked houses.

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PRESIDENTIAL BEE BEGINS ITS BUZZING

Brumbaugh, Whitman, Roosevelt, Herrick, Hughes, Willis, and Mann Mentioned.

Although the short session of Congress has barely begun, a remarkable amount of talk with reference to Presidential candidates has become current. This is partly due to the fact that prominent Republicans in Ohio are undertaking to boom former Ambassador Myron T. Herrick for the Republican nomination. Mr. Herrick having just returned from Paris, where he is credited with admirable work as the government's diplomatic representative. The launching of the boom for Mr. Herrick, however, is not the only factor in stirring up the Presidential race. On the opening date of the session, Pennsylvania Republicans had Governor-elect Martin G. Brumbaugh in Washington, and gave him a dinner at the Shoreham, at which he was boomed for the 1916 nomination. The governor-elect did not signify whether he approved or disapproved of the boom. The Herrick and Brumbaugh talk has led to much discussion of other candidates. Monday, the President Wilson omitted any reference to the Presidential primary in his recent message, and gave him a dinner at the Shoreham, at which he was boomed for the 1916 nomination. The governor-elect did not signify whether he approved or disapproved of the boom. The Herrick and Brumbaugh talk has led to much discussion of other candidates. Monday, the President Wilson omitted any reference to the Presidential primary in his recent message, and gave him a dinner at the Shoreham, at which he was boomed for the 1916 nomination. The governor-elect did not signify whether he approved or disapproved of the boom.

Still another phase of developments, which is causing 1916 talk is the recent Roosevelt article on Mexico. The open fire by Colonel Roosevelt on the Administration's Mexican policy has led some people to believe the colonel is beginning the 1916 attack already, and a good deal of wonderment is voiced about the Capitol whether, as time goes on, he may not loom up as the prospective nominee of the Republican party. It has not escaped notice that the colonel manifested interest in the recent conference of Progressive party leaders in Chicago.

Many conservative elements in the Republican party, and some of the out-right reactionary elements are getting back of the movement to nominate Herrick. It is possible that this will prejudice his case at the polls. In the eyes of progressive Republicans, the fact that Mr. Herrick proved an admirable ambassador in Paris, and that he is much of an asset with the progressive Republican element of the country, if further developments show that the Herrick candidacy will be promoted by conservative influences.

Brumbaugh and Whitman. As to Brumbaugh, he has declared a purpose to take a progressive course as governor of Pennsylvania, and he will largely be judged on this score. The same is true of Gov.-elect Charles S. Whitman, of New York. Whether he proves a Presidential factor rests on whether he proves an able, fearless and progressive governor.

A considerable amount of talk about Justice Hughes is going the rounds, but there is no reason to believe he would give up the Supreme Court for the nomination. Before the winter is much farther along, it is anticipated there will be active work in behalf of various men who are mentioned as possible nominees.

The boom of James R. Mann is credited with considerable support and momentum. Mr. Mann is said to be doing some work for the nomination. Mention is freely made about the Capitol of Senators Borah, Cummins, Norris, Kenyon and former Governor Hiram B. Howell, of Missouri as possibilities for the nomination. The general feeling of progressive Republicans in Congress is that the nomination must go to a man who is proven to be progressive. The record of Governor-elect Willis of Ohio will be watched carefully.

Senator La Follette is another man who has to be taken into account. Last summer, it was thought he was too ill to get back to the Senate for many months. But he has come back and is in apparent good health and in fighting trim.

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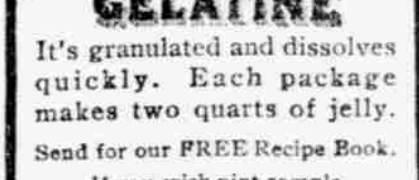
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(This is the first of a series to appear on the Pure Food Page of this paper each Thursday.)

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class in practical chemistry at the Normal School, which class had but recently been placed in charge of a very earnest and expert instructor, Lewis B. Allyn is his name. You have heard of him if you have read anything about pure foods; you will hear more of him before the pure food propagandists get all their want in the way of laws that protect. Professor Allyn had an idea that practical chemistry ought to be made really practical. So here was a chance to make practical use of this branch of instruction. A list of the foods consumed at the lunch was obtained, and suspicion pointed strongly to the jam. So the jam was examined by the students—and what they discovered was amazing even to a chemist. The jam was found to be a mixture of pure jam and a very small quantity of a substance which was the name of the bright yellow lithographed label, a picture of the berries luscious and ripe on the vine. As to the jam itself, it contained a variety of strange ingredients, but no particle of strawberry. Red coloring dye, grass seeds, ether flavors, apple stock, and salicylic acid were the principal constituents. That was the way it all started—the beginning of Westfield as the pure-food town. The many other disclosures that have followed this first step in succeeding years have opened the eyes of the nation. They revealed to other cities everywhere that they had been subjected to the same kind of frauds and impositions. Shortly after this incident, the chemistry classes made further investigations on the local food supply.



"A Typical Little New England Town of Broad Streets and Tall Elms."

that they were consuming all manner of "paints" in their foods. Some rather neat and very substantial cabinet work was done by Professor Allyn with the furniture glue extracted from marshmallows. A butcher knife was copper-plated with the sulphate of copper contained in a can of peas. Samples of "pure almond extract" contained no almond extract at all, but were made entirely of nitro benzene, the important ingredient in shoe-blackening. A sample of milk preserved with formaldehyde was sent out away to see how long it would keep. It is there yet, just as "sweet and pure" as it was ten years ago. A husband was sickened and his wife died after partaking from a bottle labelled "Creme de Menthe." The remaining contents of the bottle were sent to the laboratory and found to be deadly poison. A woman died after taking a headache powder, which the resultant analysis showed to contain acetanilid. Arsenic was found in candy. Cases of blindness were traced to weak alcohol poisoning. Alum was found in baking powders, and all the deadly line of chemical colorings and preservatives, aniline dyes, benzoate of soda, sulphuric acid, tannic acid, boric acid, shellac, benzoic acid, leading oils, soap bark, and others were discovered in food and beverages analyzed. Such are some of the things which so aroused the people of Westfield. And that is how Westfield became a pure-food town, a model which many towns and cities in many parts of the world are now striving to emulate. (To be continued.)

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